A New Year's Sermon Preached to Drunken Husbands and Fathers.

BOWMANSTOWN, Pa., Dec. 21.—Miss Sallie Somers, a music teacher, and one of the most popular young ladies in this place, committed suicide, yesterday, by taking laudanum. Her dead body was discovered in her room soon after 6 o'clock p. m.

For the past few months Miss Somers has been in such a meloncholy state of mind over her father's debauchery and quarrelsome disposition at home, that she frequently remarked to her pupils that she would sooner be dead than live under the same roof with a drunken father. The news of her untimely death was not, therefore, a surprise to many of her friends. Yesterday afternoon, while she was giving instructions to two young ladies, her father appeared in a state of beastly intoxication. He staggered into the room, and with much profanity ordered the young ladies out of the house, his daughter included. The pupils quietly left the room and went home, this not being their first experience of the kind.

Miss Sallie waved a farewell to the girls and then went to her room, which was the last seen of her alive.

Sallie's mother was in the house at the time, and knew she had gone to her room, but as this was a customary thing for her to do when her father became abusive, she did not disturb her until aboot 7 o'clock when she called her, thinking perhaps she had lain down. She went up to her room, but all was dark and quiet. Receiving no response to her calls, she hastily lit a lamp, and a moment later was horrified to find her daughter cold in death. An unlabeled bottle stood on a little marble stand near the head of the bed which Dr. Sunderland, who was near by at the time, said contained laudanum, and that she must have taken enough to kill half a dozen persons.

Her mother became uncontrolable, and, throwing herself upon the body of her daughter, called, "Sallie, Sallie! your father has done this."

The girl had written two letters which were read by the deputy coroner—one to her mother and the other to her father—copies of which are as follows:

DEAR MAMMA: For many, many years—as far back as I can remember—our lives have been made most miserable on account of papa's debauchery. God himself only knows what we have suffered, and the abuse that has been heaped upon us by a drunken husband and father. How often have we prayed, day and night, that he might be able to resist the temptation of that accursed drink which has already brought him to the level of the brute and disgrace to his family. Only on Christmas day I saw him staggering along the roadside while I came from church. Imagine my feelings! The whole congregation saw him, and some of them thoughtlessly remarked: "There's Sallie's father." How long am I to be pointed out as the drunkard's child? I can endure it no longer. I am aware of the enormity of the crime of taking one's own life, but it appears to be the only hope this side of the grave.

I am willing, dearest mamma, to take the chances of a happy hereafter in preference to suffering as I have suffered with papa, though at times he is good. I would have ended my miserable existence some time ago, but I thought of you and the disgrace my action would bring upon the family. But there can be no further delay. Papa's conduct this afternoon was shameful in the extreme. It was outrageous, and under such cirsumstances how can I successfully give instructions to any of my pupils? They are afraid to come to the house, and I live in continual fear of his intrusion and abuse. I can have no company while he is home.

I have aranged my hair and put on the dress I admire so much and in which Idesire to be buried. Oh! what will be your feelings when you find me cold in death, and that I have arranged my own habiliments for the grave! It is now six o'clock, and I am ready to empty the little bottle the contents of which will at least put me beyond the miseries of this cruel world. Farewell, dearest mamma: farewell, and may God give you strength to bear up under this double disgrace. Do not disturb my dress. Yours lovingly,

SALLIE.

Give the other note to papa.

The letter written to her father is as follows:

DEAR PAPA—When you wake up from your sleep of drunkenness and can realize that I am dead, and that your debauchery has been the cause of it—in fact all the misery of my life—perhaps it will make a change in your way of living, and bring you to a sense of feeling, which mamma and myself have been trying to do for years, without avail. Perhaps in your sober senses you can sit down and reflect on your own misery, and the unhappiness you had caused me, the insults you have heaped upon myself and my pupils, in many cases driving them out of the house with oaths and threats as you did todoy, and have been doing whenever the opportunity afforded. All these things, no doubt, will rise up before you. When you behold your victim cold in death you may be sorry; but, father, it will be too late for me.

The price of your habitual drunkenness is the sacrifice of my life, and, while I freely and willingly forgive you, you can never hear that forgiveness from my lips. In an hour from now I will be dead. Whatever my hereafter may be I do not know, but if I am doomed to punishment it cannot be much greater than I endured here. If my death will reform you, and mamma will be kindly taken care of by you, I die happy. For more than six months I have battled against taking my own life in the hope that you would do better, but it was growing worse. The laudanum which I will take at the conclusion of this letter I have had in my possession a long time. There is one request, papa, I desire to make, and that is that I be buried on Sunday with as little ceremony as possible, but do take care of mamma. Farewell, papa, farewell. SALLIE.

The letters created the deepest sympathy for the unfortunate, but perhaps too sensitive, young girl, and when her father read the above letter and beheld the lifeless form of his daughter, he was wild with grief, repeatedly charging himself as being responsible for her death.

Miss Somers was an accomplished young lady, 19 years of age, and had many admirers, none of whom, however, she dared to bring to the house on account of her father's evil habits. On more than one occasion the blush of shame was brought to her cheeks by hearing light remarks made of her father. This constantly preyed on her mind and drove her to suscide.—Ex.

Temperance and Prohibition.

"There's a good time coming,
Though we cannot tell the date;
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It is stated upon good authority that there has not been a saloon in Hancock County, W. Va., for forty years. The Grand Jury in 1885 did not find a single indictment. There was not a prisoner in jail during that time.

Frances E. Willard, very heartily commends the pamphlet, "Do Not Take Temperance Into Politics."

Riverside, the orange capital of California, has followed the example of Pasadena and adopted a prohibitory ordinance.

By a joint resolution of the New Hampshire legislature five thousand dollars have been appropriated to the Woman's Christian Temperance Union of the state, for the purpose of founding a home for discharged prisoners and other unfortunate women, who may need the restraints and moral support of a reformatory home.

The stockholders of the Woman's Temperance Publication Association held their annual meeting in Chicago recently. The capital stock was raised from $25,000 to $50,000, and a dividend of six per cent. declared. Mrs. T. B. Carse was re-elected president of the association; Miss Mary Allen West and Miss Julia Ames, were continued as editors of the *Union Signal*.

A vigorous prosecution of liquor dealers is now in progress in Wichita, Kans. Nine men have been found guilty and sentenced to both fines and imprisonment, and over fifty other cases are on the docket. Hon. George E. Harris, chairman of the city council, and agent of the Philip Best Brewing Co., of Kansas City, Mo., was indicted upon a number of counts.

The internal revenue report gives the number of licensed liquor-dealers in this country in 1886 as 205,834.

New Haven, Conn., has 425 licensed saloons; 233 of the licensees are of Irish birth, 111 are Germans, 56 are Americans, and the rest are not classified by nationalities.

A bill has been introduced in the New Jersey legislature providing that on the petition of one tenth of the voters in any county, the question of the sale of liquor shall be submitted to a popular vote in that county.

The National Women's Christian Temperance Union has lately published a Chinese tract of six pages with the title, "Have you thought about these things or not?" It treats of the evil effects of alcohol, opium, and other narcotics on the human system. Mrs. Nellie Eyster, of California, is the author.

The following figures are official, and show the success (?) of high license in Chicago. In 1882, the last year of low license, the number of arrests was 82,800; the number in 1887, after four years of high license, was 45,400—an increase of thirty-eight per cent. In 1882 Chicago had thirty-eight breweries; now there are forty-one. In that year she consumed 872,000 barrels of beer; last year, 1,674,166—an increase of ninety-seven per cent.

According to a liquor-law passed in France, every person who may be condemned twice by the police for open drunkenness, will be held incapable of voting of elective eligibility, and of being named for the jury or any public office.

A Maryland correspondent names Quincy L. Morrow as a fit person to succeed John Lloyd Thomas as district organizer of the National Prohibition Bureau.

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J. BRINDLE.

OUR DEAD.

ETTLEIN.—On Feb. 17th, Elmer Ellsworth Ettlein, aged 17 years 2 months and 13 days. Funeral services at New Paris, Ind., by

A. A. COBER.

BOSTATER.—Elizabeth Bostater was born in Washington Co., Md., August 26th, 1815, and died in Cedar Co., Mo., Feb. 10th, 1888, aged 72 years, 14 months and 14 days.

Sister Bostater was joined to Christ by baptism at the age of about 15 years, and migrated to Ohio with her parents Jacob and Susannah Bostater, about 1835, and was united in marriage to Samuel A. Leedy, Feb. 22, 1838. Sister Leedy remained to be a faithful member of the body of Christ. Her remains were taken to Walnut Grove. Funeral services conducted by Bro. Thorn, of U. B. church.

(*Messenger*, please copy.)

KIMMEL.—Near Auburn, Ill., Orra Paul Kimmel, son of Josiah Kimmel, aged 2 months and 13 days. The funeral discourse was delivered by the writer, Friday, Feb. 17th, at 11 a. m., in the Christian and Brethren church of Auburn. He was buried in the cemetery near by.

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